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SUBJ: PEOPLE'S DAILY SUPPORTS NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE WHILE AVOIDING  
MENTION OF WESTERN PLAN

REF: PEKING 999

1. IN A SIGNED ARTICLE APRIL 28, PEOPLE'S DAILY GIVES A  
LONG ACCOUNT OF THE STRUGGLE FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE,  
WITH EMPHASIS ON THE CRUELITIES OF THE APARTHEID SYSTEM  
IMPOSED BY SOUTH AFRICA. SURPRISINGLY, HOWEVER, THE  
AUTHOR MAKES NO MENTION OF THE FIVE-POWER WESTERN PROPOSALS  
FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE UNDER UN SPONSORSHIP. HE STATES  
ONLY THAT LAST MONTH'S SPECIAL UN CONFERENCE IN LUSAKA  
MADE SEVERAL (UNSPECIFIED) PROPOSALS WHICH WILL BE CON-  
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SIDERED IN THE CURRENT UN SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA.

2. THE ONLY REFERENCE TO THE AMERICAN POSITION COMES  
NEAR THE END OF THE ARTICLE, WHEN THE AUTHOR POINTS  
OUT THAT THE DANGER OF SOVIET AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT  
HAS CAUSED U.S. CONCERN AND HAS ENABLED VORSTER TO  
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SUPERPOWER INTENTION IN ORDER TO

INTERFERE WITH THE RESOLUTION OF THE INDEPENDENCE  
QUESTION.

3. COMMENT: PRC MEDIA HAVE PAID VERY LITTLE ATTENTION  
TO THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM IN RECENT WEEKS. THE FRENCH  
EMBASSY HAS TOLD US THAT A FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTACT  
THIS WEEK WAS STILL COMPLETELY NONCOMMITTAL WHEN ASKED  
ABOUT CHINESE SUPPORT FOR THE WESTERN FIVE-POWER PLAN.  
THIS ARTICLE STRENGTHENS OUR IMPRESSION THAT PEKING  
HAS SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO ADOPT A POSITION ON THE  
WESTERN PROPOSALS. WOODCOCK

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